Claims Listing

1. (Currently amended)

2. (Canceled)

3-9. (Previously presented)

10-20. (Canceled)

Section I (cont.). Amended Claims

1. (Currently amended) A device for treatment or fixation of a fractured, damaged or deteriorating bone or set of bones in a mid-foot region, said midfoot region comprising the metatarsal bone, a medial cuneiform bone, a navicular bone and a talus bone, said device having a proximal end, a distal end, and a central cylindrical elongated body ~~and said midfoot region comprises the metatarsal bone, the medial cuneiform bone, the navicular bone and the talus bone and,~~ wherein said proximal end is a chamfered end, and wherein said chamfered end is defined by a reduction in diameter by a 45 degree chamfer between said central cylindrical elongated body and said chamfered end, wherein a sufficient portion of said chamfered end ~~is inserted~~ is configured to reach a sufficient distance into said talus bone, wherein ~~so that~~ at least one proximal fastener hole ~~reaches far enough into~~ is aligned with and lies along the same planar direction of said device within a navicular and a medial cuneiform portion of said midfoot region and at least one additional fastener hole that lies in a perpendicular direction to said device within a first metatarsal or talus bone portion of said midfoot region ~~said talus bone~~ to fully secure said device with fasteners through ~~said~~ any fastener hole and thereby securing said mid-foot region by providing [[to]] support along an [[the]] entire bored through medullary canal, said medullary canal extending ~~into and through~~ along said mid-foot region ~~starting first with extending~~ such that said device is configured into and through said metatarsal bone, ~~next into and~~ through said medial cuneiform bone, ~~next into and~~ through said navicular bone and ~~finally~~ terminating into said talus bone.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The device as in claim 1, wherein said device is an implant which is inserted into said medullary canal of said first metatarsal bone, said medial cuneiform bone, said navicular bone, and said talus bone.

4. (Previously presented) The device as in claim 3, wherein said implant is an intramedullary nail.

5. (Previously presented) The device as in claim 4, wherein said intramedullary nail is cannulated comprising a round cross-section with said central cylindrical elongated body.

6. (Previously presented) The device as in claim 4, wherein said intramedullary nail is

adapted with an attaching means by way of a proximal fastener hole and a distal fastener hole to allow for compression of said mid-foot region.

7. (Previously presented) The device as in claim 6, wherein said attaching means is accomplished by insertion of at least one fastener in at least one fastener hole or slot at either said proximal end, said distal end, or along said central cylindrical elongated body of said implant.

8. (Previously presented) The device as in claim 7, wherein said attaching means utilizes at least one proximal fastener hole and at least one distal fastener hole further allowing for reduction and compression of said mid-foot region.

9. (Previously presented) The device as in claim 7, wherein said fastener is configured and dimensioned for insertion into at least one fastener hole, further comprising a threaded hole for insertion of a screw, said screw having an optional threaded head portion and a threaded shaft portion.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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